Coverage of protest meeting against the murder of Safdar Hasmi

310. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Doordarshan authorities turned down the request of the representatives of the Drama Club and Art and Literary Society, Jadavpur University to cover the protest meeting against the murder of Playright and actor Safdar Hasmi held at the Jadavpur University on the 10th January, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for not covering the meeting by Doordarshan in which dramatist, Vice-Chancellor, film director, singer, actors and prominent intellectuals took part;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the guilty officials in this regard;

(e) if so, the nature of action taken; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A news items on the protest meeting by the Jadavpur University Drama Club was telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

Appointment of tea blending Contractor NCCF in Guwahati

311. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rusaka Tea Warehouse, Guwahati was appointed as Tea blending and storage Contractor by NCCF during 1978 with the approval of the then R.M. (East) and Deputy Manager (Tea).

(b) how much total tea was blended by the said contractor, yearwise and what was the percentage of blend excess;

(c) whether it is a fact that subsequently appointed tea blending contractors were able to record better percentage of blend excess; if so, who were those and what was their blend gain ratio; and

(d) whether only one Asstt. Manager was held responsible for mishap in tea trade in 1979 and no action was taken against DM (Tea) and RM (East); if so, the reason therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) NCCF have reported that M|s. Rusaka Tea Warehouse, Guwahati was appointed as Tea blending and storage contractor during 1980-81 with the approval of the competant authority in the Head Office and that the firm, blended total quantity of 716.3 MTs of tea during that year resulting in 0.5 per cent excess percentage of blend.

(c) No contractor for the purpose was appointed by the NCCF from 1981-82 onwards, since the NCCF itself started its own unit. It had only appointed a labour contractor for blending of tea in which the percentage blended excess was 0.9 per cent.

(d) The services of Asstt. Manager (TEA) at Guwahati were terminated in 1981 for some other reasons connected with the tea trade from 1977-78.

Despatch of non-controlled textile to Assam State Federation (STATEFED) by NCCF

312. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-controlled textile stocks worth Rs. 2.5

crores were despatched reportedly to Assam State Federation (STATEFED) in the year 1978-79 and 1979-80 by NCCF;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those stocks were sold below 20 per cent to 30 per cent of purchase cost by NCCF to private parties viz. M/s. Baijnath Shri Lal, M/s. Anant Ram Vishwanath of Guwahati and M/s. Bagaries of Dibrugarh thereby incurring losses of lacs of rupees;

(c) whether it is a fact that M|s. Baij Nath Shri Lal is the approved supplier of NCCF and he again supplied same stocks to NCCF, Patna Branch after keeping the profit of above 40 per cent;

(d) what was the value of stock sold at discount, and what was the value of stock supplied by the said approved supplier to Patna branch of NCCF; and

(e) how much was the (i) amount of total loss (ii) reasons of discount (iii) number of officers involved and their designations; and what action has been taken against each of them?

THE DEPUTY MINSTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that the Assam State Federation (STATEFED) placed orders for supply of non-controlled textiles during 1978-79 and 1979-80 for aproximate value of Rs. 1.75 crores after which the NCCF branches despatched stocks worth Rs. 1 crore to Assam State Federation. For the rest the indent was cancelled by the Assam State Federation.

(b) The stock worth Rs. 70 lakhs out of Rs. 1 crore despatched to State Federation only was accepted and disposed of by them. On this quantity NCCF obtained its margin and service charges. STATEFED having refused to accept the balance stock worth Rs. 30 lakhs remained unsold. NCCF appointed a Committee of officers which recommended selling of stocks by allowing a discount of 20 per cent to various parties. Recommendations of this Committee were approved by the then Managing Director and then President of NCCF. Estimated loss on this account came to Rs. 6 lakhs.

(c) M|s. Baijnath Shri Lal, Guwahati is an approved supplier of NCCF and has been supplying non-controlled textiles manufactured by them. The accumulated stocks referred to in reply to part (b) of the question were supplied to different parties including this firm. The NCCF does not have any record to indicate that this supplier supplied the same stocks back.

(d) The total stocks sold at discount amounted to Rs. 30 lakhs approximately of which some stocks were sold to M/s. Baijnath Shri Lal, Guwahati. No other details in this regard are readily available.

(e) The total loss incurred by NCCF was Rs. 6 lakhs approximately, after it was decided to allow 20 per cent discount for the reasons explained in reply to Part (b) of the question. The NCCF had followed the prescribed procedure before disposal.

पटपड़गंज क्षेत्र में जल-आपूर्ति

313. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में पटपड़गंज क्षेत्र स्थित विभिन्न सामूहिक आवास सहकारी सोसाइटियों के आवंटित सदस्यों ने उपर्युक्त सोसाइटियों द्वारा बनाये गये अपने नये फ्लैटों में रहना आरम्भ कर दिया है परन्तु दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा उनके फ्लैटों के लिए अभी तक जल आपूर्ति की व्यवस्था नहीं की गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी कितनी सोसाइटियां हैं जिनके फ्लैट पूरी तरह तैयार हो गये हैं तथा ऐसी कितनी सोसाइटियां हैं जिन्हें निर्माण पूरा होने संबंधी प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त कर लेने तथा अन्य आवश्यक औपचारिकतायें पूरी कर लेने के पश्चात उन में रहने की अनुमति दे दी गयी है; और

(ग) इन मकानों में अब तक नियमित रूप से जल आपूर्ति की व्यवस्था न किये